Dear School Community,

Thanks to the popularity of the DASH (Dynamic After-School Hours) Program, we are again expecting a high demand in the '08-09 school year for the limited number of slots at each participating school. If you are planning to enroll your child in the DASH Program for the '08-09 school year, please read this carefully:

- **DASH enrollment will be in the form of a <u>LOTTERY</u>.**
  Parents will complete an application for each child enrolled in the coming school year. Beginning Monday, June 2, 2008, applications will be available to download at www.chulavistalibrary.com or may be picked up at your child's school. See attached for your school's daily program schedule.

- We will accept signed and completed applications daily on the dates below during the last half hour of the DASH Program. Do not submit applications to school staff. Lottery numbers will be distributed by the DASH Program Leader when the applications are accepted. All applications for your household must be submitted at the same time.
  Lottery numbers will be distributed at this time only—no exceptions.
    o <u>Year Round:</u> Monday, June 2 through Wednesday, June 11, 2008
    o <u>Traditional:</u> Monday, June 2 through Thursday, June 12, 2008

Q. Why a lottery?
Every family currently attending a DASH school has an equal chance of getting accepted into DASH, should they complete this application process. The lottery process will take place the last two weeks of school in order to give families more time to make alternative after school care arrangements, in case they do not get accepted right away.

Q. Who is eligible to enter the lottery?
Only ONE lottery number per family per school will be given out. All of the children under the same lottery number are eligible as long as they will be enrolled in 1st-6th grade at the same school in the coming school year (2008-09).

Q. Can I enter more than once?
NO. Each family will receive only one lottery number at a given school. Children's names will be cross-checked. Any attempt to submit more than one application at the same school will result in immediate disqualification.
DON'T RISK HAVING YOUR APPLICATION DISQUALIFIED.

Q. How will the applications be selected?
A computer program will randomly order the total number of lottery numbers that were actually distributed at each individual school. DASH staff will pull valid applications according to the computer-generated list of numbers until all of the slots in the program are filled, and will continue in this fashion creating a waiting list.

Q. How many students will be accepted into DASH?
Our staffing levels allow the daily enrollment to be approximately 50 students per day. Since we do not expect every child to attend every day, <u>we will automatically enroll the first 75 students from the list</u>. Children from the same family will not be split up.

Q. How will I know if my children were accepted?
We expect to have all lists of accepted students, as well as the waiting list order, available by Friday, June 20, 2008 for both year round and traditional calendar schools. Lists will be posted in the school office and on the Chula Vista Public Library website www.chulavistalibrary.com. **Only students/application numbers identified as ACCEPTED may start coming to DASH on the <u>first day of school next school year.</u>**

Q. What if my family is on the waiting list?
DASH Leaders will notify waiting list families if and when they can start using the program. This will be determined by the usage patterns at individual schools, which change throughout the year. We will strive to maintain the maximum daily attendance. **If your application number is not announced as ACCEPTED, you will need to wait until your DASH Leader contacts you before sending your child(ren) to DASH.**

Q. What if I miss the lottery enrollment?
If you missed the lottery enrollment, you will still be able to add your name to the existing waiting list. Beginning "after school" on the first day of school, a clipboard with the waiting list sign up will be available on each campus. All you need to do is add your family information to this list. You will NOT need to fill out an application form at that time

Thank you for your cooperation.